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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 1, 2008

TO: Local and intermediate school district superintendents, public school academy administrators, secondary school principals

FROM: Margaret M. Ropp, Ph.D., Director, Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) *mmr*

SUBJECT: Graduation/Dropout Review and Comment Application Now Open

The Graduation/Dropout Review and Comment Application (GAD) is now open. District staff members should review data submitted via previous Single Record Student Database submissions for the graduating class of 2007 and request adjustments if necessary. These data are used to calculate graduation rates for the Michigan High School Report Cards in determining Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in the Michigan High School Report Cards. **The GAD review and comment process supersedes the appeals process for graduation rates formerly available on the AYP Web site. This will be your only opportunity to ensure that your data are correct.**

Timeline

April 1: Application Opens; districts may begin requesting adjustments
Adjustment approvers may begin processing requests

April 21: Last day to submit linking requests in the application

May 2: Last day to submit adjustment requests

May 5-30: Estimated graduation rates are available for viewing in the application
Adjustment requests continue to be processed

May 30: Last day to process adjustment requests

June: Final district and building rates are calculated

Take Action

1. Review available documentation at www.michigan.gov/cepi.
2. Carefully review the 2007 cohort report available via the GAD Application [<https://cepi.state.mi.us/graddrop/>].
3. Assemble documentation locally to support adjustment requests.

As always, thank you for your continued collaboration with CEPI and the Michigan Department of Education. If you have any questions regarding the GAD, please contact CEPI at cepi@michigan.gov or by telephoning 517-335-0505.

CC: Public school academy authorizers
GAD Application authorized users
SRSD/UIC Application authorized users